

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-7 and 9-13 are allowed. Claims 9 and 10 are cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Once again, Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-7 and 11-13.

Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by WO 99/43717 to Bohnen et al. (hereinafter, "Bohnen"). In an Advisory Action dated April 24, 2007, the Examiner maintained the rejection of these claims for the reasons set forth in the Final Office Action dated January 16, 2007. Applicants respectfully traverse and believe that claims 9 and 10 are novel and patentable over Bohnen for the reasons set forth in the Amendment submitted on April 9, 2007. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 9 and 10, rendering the rejection moot. Thus, in view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The Director is authorized to charge \$450.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 09086-00218-US, to cover the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for a two-month extension of time. Should any other fees be required in connection with this Amendment, authorization is hereby made to charge any fees due or outstanding, including any extension fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 09086-00218-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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